

REMARKS

As amended, the claim covers an imaging device, such as a camera, which takes an image and forms a graphical object. Further, the imaging device associates the graphical object with the device profile. The combined image information, in the form of a graphical object, and the device profile are then transmitted from the imaging device.

In contrast, in Starkweather, nothing is done in the sensor 20. It simply records an image of a predetermined sample article. See Starkweather at column 4, lines 42-45. That information is then sent to a computer. The computer develops a device profile to adopt the image for the intended display, couples the device profile with image data, and then provides it to the associated output device. For example, one device profile 16 is for out device 17 (a printer) and the other device profile 15 is for color display 10.

In contrast, with the claimed invention, the device profile is developed in the imaging device itself. The device profile accounts for imaging conditions. In Starkweather, imaging conditions are controlled and, therefore, there is no need or suggestion to develop such a device profile at the imaging device.

Therefore, the claim as amended should patentably distinguish over the art of record.

Support for the amended claims may be found in the specification as follows:

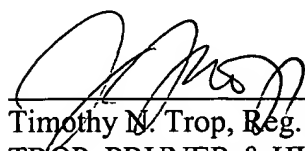
As to the element that is the imaging device itself that does the association of the graphical object with the device profile, it is stated at page 4, lines 28 and 29 that “camera 202 may associate (e.g., store) profile information with each image at the time the image is captured.” It is further stated that the associated profile information may include profile information in accordance with the International Color Consortium’s (ICC’s) profile format

specification, version 3.4, August 1997. See specification at page 4, line 29 through page 5, line 2.

In view of these remarks, the application should be in condition for allowance.

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